No.



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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

Seminis Aegetable Seeds, Inc.

THETENS, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS. HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS OM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, ONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR CONDITIONING IT OPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR T VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84)

EGGPLANT

'EZZ 24-0547'

In Testimony Therest, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Hant Institute Protection Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-fourth day of November, in the year two thousand and four.

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Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office Sgricultural Marketing Service Agriculture

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INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$3,652 (\$432 filing fee and \$3,220 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfilled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. DO NOT use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$432 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

> **Plant Variety Protection Office** Telephone: (301) 504-5518 FAX: (301) 504-5291

Homepage: http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvpo/pvp.htm

ITEM

- 18a. Give:
- (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
- the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
- evidence of uniformity and stability; and
- (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
 - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
- 19. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 23. See Section 55 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 21. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)
- 22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)
- 23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the appropriate recognized authority. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center--East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089. http://www.ams.usda.gov/isg/seed.htm

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EXHIBIT A Origin and Breeding History Eggplant EZZ 24-0547

Eggplant line EZZ 24-0547 was created using a combination of crossing, pedigree selection and Doubled Haploid generation and selection. All crossing and pedigree selection was done in Seminis greenhouses and field plots in Woodland, California. The Doubled Haploid generation was done in Seminis facilities in Nimes, France. Evaluation of the Doubled Haploid lines to confirm genetic stability was done in several locations; Felda, Florida; Woodland CA field; Woodland CA greenhouse; Salama, Guatemala.

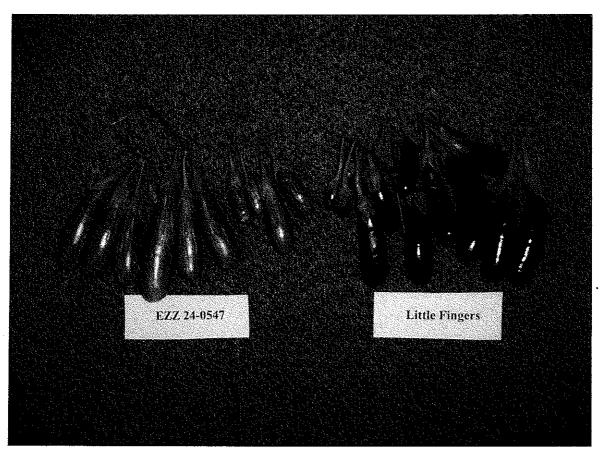
10/93-03/94	OP cultivar Slim Jim crossed with OP cultivar Pingtung Long
08/94	F1 evaluated Woodland, CA. One selection made.
08/95	F2, 4 SPS
08/96	F3, 2 SPS
10/96-03/97	F4 (Slim Jim X Pintung Long) crossed to OP cultivar "Carribean type" (local OP variety)
08/97	F1 evaluated in Woodland, CA.
12/97	F1 sent to Nimes, France for Doubled Haploid generation.
10/98	S0 plantlets received in Woodland, CA from Nimes, France, acclimated, and transplanted
	into the greenhouse in Woodland, CA, given designation 99GHE6.
06/99	S1 seed harvested from 15 individual plants.
12/99	S1 lines grown and evaluated in Felda, Florida. Line 99GHE6-13 identified as desirable
	Doubled Haploid line, genetically stable, with no segregation for plant, fruit, maturity
	characteristics. Line 99GHE6-13 renamed EZZ 24-0547.
01/00-08/00	Line EZZ 24-0547 crossed with tester lines in Salama, Guatemala. Line again observed
	to be uniform and genetically stable parent line.
08/00	Line EZZ 24-0547 grown out and observed in Woodland, CA. Plant growout confirms
	genetic stability of dihaploid line - no segregation for plant, fruit, maturity characteristics
	observed.
08/01	Test hybrids with EZZ 24-0547 evaluated. Hybrid SVR 2409080 selected as desirable
	type.
10/01	Line EZZ 24-0547 transferred to Foundation Seed department and seed increase made in
	Woodland greenhouse. (29 plants).
03/02	S2 seed harvested from Woodland greenhouse. All 29 plants from original S1 increase
•	have excellent uniformity and nothing is rogued, confirming genetic stability of Doubled
	Haploid line EZZ 24-0547. Lot is bulk harvested.
08/02	Plant growout of EZZ 24-0547 (91 plants) indicate line is true to type, genetically
	uniform. No off-types found. Lot is confirmed for use as parent to SVR 2409080 in
	further hybrid productions.

Summa	ry of Origin and Breeding History
1993	Slim Jim X Pingtung Long
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1994	F1
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1995	F2
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1996	F3
	↓
1997	F4 (Slim Jim X Pingtung Long) X "Carribean Type"
	↓
1998	F1 (sent to Nimes for DH generation)
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1999	. S0
5000	<u> </u>
2000	S1 EZZ 24-0547
2002	*
2002	S2 EZZ 24-0547

Doubled haploid (DH) lines are fully homozygous lines and therefore the progeny is also fully homozygous. Initially, they originate as haploid plants which have recovered the normal chromosome number of the species either spontaneously via endomitosis in the early stages of the embryo development or after treatment for chromosome doubling. Through two cycles of increase and several plant growouts, DH line EZZ 24-0547 has remained genetically stable and unchanged, with no variants or off-types observed.

EXHIBIT B Statement of Distinctness Eggplant EZZ 24-0547

Eggplant line EZZ 24-0547 most closely resembles the OP variety "Little Fingers", however EZZ 24-0547 has striped fruit color (purple stripes on white background), and "Little Fingers" has solid purple colored fruit.



EZZ 24-0547' differs in primary skin color from 'Little Fingers' (RHS 72 B (Red-Purple group) vs RHS 79A (Purple group)).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, GRAIN 8-SEED DIVISION— BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20706

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY EGGPLANT

(Solanum melongena var. esculentum Nees)

NAME OF APPLICANTIS) SEMINIS VEGETABLE SEEDS	VARIETY NAME OR TEMPORARY DESIGNATION
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code)	- EZZ 24-0547
2700 Camino del sol	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
0xnad CA 93030-7967	2004 00 049
Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the beautiful place a zero in first box (e.g. 0 9 9 or 0 9) when number is either 99 or less than the second place a zero in first box (e.g. 0 9 9 or 0 9 0) when number is either 99 or less than the second place a zero in first box (e.g. 0 9 9 0).	
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2 - SNAKE (Oriental) 3 = OTHER (Specify)	
2. REGION OF BEST ADAPTABILITY IN THE U.S.A.	
6 1 = SOUTHEAST 2 = SOUTHWEST 3 = CENTRAL 4 = NORTHEAST 5 = NORTHWEST 6 = MOST AREAS	
3. MATURITY	
2 = BLAC NO. DAYS LATER THAN	HAMPSHIRE K BEAUTY IDA MARKET HE FINGEVS
C 2 9 CM HEIGHT / 6 MM DIAMETER AT FIRST NODE OF MAIN STEM / STEM COLOR: 1 = GREEN 2 = PURPLE	HES FROM MAIN STEM
5. FLOWERS (Perfect Type)	
36 MM COROLLA DIAMETER 2 4 MM CALYX DIA 2 0 MM PEDUNCLE LENGTH 2 FLOWER COLOR 2 PURPLISH 2 CALYX: 1 =	
6. LEAF (Blade) 1st Primary Leaf; Average from 25 plant sample	
CM LENGTH // CM WIDTH / 1 = PUBESCENT CM PETIOLE LENGTH MIDRIB: 2 1 = SPINED	2 = GLABROUS 2 = SPINE LESS
7. FRUIT AT MARKET MATURITY	
STEM END CM LENGTH SKIN COLOR: 1 = WHITE 2 = YELLOW 3 = GREEN 4 = LIGHT PU 6 = BLACKISH PURPLE 7 = BROWNISH PURPLE 8 = PINK	- ORANGE 10 - OTHERSTRIPE
Purple (KHS 72B) stripes on a	white back ground

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7. FRUIT AT MARKET	MATURITY (C	on't}						
FLESH COLOR:	1 = WHITE	2 = GREEN	3 = ORA	NGE				
4 FRUIT SHAPE:	HAPE: 1 = SHORT OVAL ('Early Beauty')							
	2 = LONG OV	AL ('Florida High	(Rueli')					
	3 = EGG (Tar	ly Purple Egg')						
	4 = LONG, CY	LINDRICAL ('C	hinese Lono"]				
	5 = OTHER (S	Specify)						
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8. DISEASE (Enter 0 = N	ot tested	I = Susceptible	2 = Resista	int):	 	<u> </u>		
FRUIT ROT (Phomo	opsis vexans)			WILT	(Verticillium albo-atri	un)		
BACTERIAL WILT	Pscudomonas .	solanacearum)		/ тови	ACCO MOSAIC VIRUS			
POWDERY MILDEN	v			CUCI	MBER VIRUS!			
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9. INSECT (Enter 0 = No	t Tested	1 = Susceptible	2 = Res	sistant):				
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CHARACTER		NAME OF VARIE	ETY	СН	ARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY		
MATURITY	Lit	tle Fina	gevs	FR	UIT SHAPE	Little Fingers		
PLANT HEIGHT	n	me one		FR	UIT COLOR	Purple Rain		
LEAF SIZE	Lit	tle Fine	aevs	FR	UIT SIZE	Little Finary		
11. COMMENTS:		()	<i>J</i>					

EXHIBIT D

Optional Supporting Information for Eggplant EZZ 24-0547 Statement of Doubled Haploid Process

Doubled haploid lines (DH) are fully homozygous lines and therefore the progeny is also fully homozygous. Initially, they originate as haploid plants which have recovered the normal chromosome number of the species either spontaneously via endomitosis in the early stages of the embryo development or after treatment for chromosome doubling. For eggplants, DH are produced by the in vitro culture of the male gametophyte: anthers with microspore population at the first mitosis stage. Normal microspore development into pollen grain can be re-orientated to embryogenesis of haploid embryos according various shocks during the first 12 days (temperature, photoperiod, hormones). After 1 month, appearing embryos are germinated in vitro on basal medium, acclimatized in greenhouse and then self-fertilizated to obtain selfed seed lots for each DH line. Doubled haploid lines are used in many breeding programs and varieties have been sold since the early nineties.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE		
EXHIBIT E	Application is required in order to dete certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 24 confidential until the certificate is issued.	21). The information is held
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP		
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	3. VARIETY NAME
Cominia Varatable Conda Inc	OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	777.01.0515
Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.	` .	EZZ 24-0547
4 ADDDEGG	F 751 501 10M5	C FAV
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZiP, and Country)	5. TELEPHONE (Include area code)	6. FAX (Include area code)
2700 Camino del Sol	(805) 647-1572	(805) 918-2545
Oxnard, CA 93030-7967	(332) 333 333	,
	7. PVPO NUMBER	
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8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in the	appropriate block. If no, please expla	n. YES NO
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9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or a U.S. b	ased company? If no, give name of co	ountry. YES NO
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10. Is the applicant the original owner? YES	NO If no, please answer <u>Ωne</u>	of the following:
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11. Additional explanation on ownership (Trace ownership from origin	al breeder to current owner. Use the re	everse for extra space if needed):
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